

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of *
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GARY CHARLES ET AL *
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Serial No.: New Application * Application Branch
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Filing Date: June 25, 2001 *
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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CHLORINE DIOXIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Preliminary to examination of this application, and before
calculating the filing fee, please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend Claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) Apparatus for producing chlorine dioxide
according to Claim 1, comprising a reactor provided with feed
lines for chlorate ions, hydrogen peroxide and acid, the reactor
being connected to an eductor provided with a nozzle for motive
water and means for causing the motive water to flow further
through the eductor in an at least partially spiral or helical
manner.

REMARKS

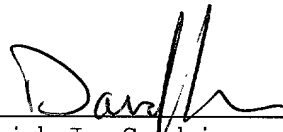
By this Preliminary Amendment, the multiple dependency in
claim 20 has been deleted, such that the application now contains

no multiple dependent claims.

A marked up copy showing the changes made to Claim 20 relative to the previous version of the claim is submitted as ATTACHMENT A.

Favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT A

20. (Amended) Apparatus for producing chlorine dioxide according to [any one of the claims 1-19] Claim 1, comprising a reactor provided with feed lines for chlorate ions, hydrogen peroxide and acid, the reactor being connected to an eductor provided with a nozzle for motive water and means for causing the motive water to flow further through the eductor in an at least partially spiral or helical manner.